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SUBJECT: MOSCOW'S JEWISH COMMUNITY AND THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS

1. WE GATHER FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF VARIOUS FACTIONS OF THE MUSCOVITE JEWISH COMMUNITY THAT SEVERAL DIFFERENT STRATEGIES ARE BEING ADOPTED WITH RESPECT TO THE CONGRESS. MOST JEWS INTEND TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE, DO NOTHING THAT WILL EXCITE THE ATTENTION OF THE AUTHORITIES, AND HOPE THAT THE CONGRESS WILL NOT PRODUCE ANY PROBLEMS FOR THEM. A SMALL NUMBER OF ACTIVIST JEWS, BOTH ARTISTS AND DISSIDENTS, IS TAKING VACATIONS DURING THE CONGRESS. THEY FEEL THAT THEY WILL AVOID SOME POSSIBLE PROBLEMS IF THEY ARE OUT OF TOWN FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS OR SO. IN TWO CASES OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE, JEWS WHOSE DOCUMENTATION FOR RESIDENCE IN MOSCOW WAS NOT QUITE IN ORDER WERE TOLD BY THE POLICE THAT THEY WOULD BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE IF THEY REMAINED IN MOSCOW DURING THE CONGRESS PERIOD.

2. SOME MEMBERS OF THE DISSIDENT COMMUNITY FEAR THAT THEY WILL BE ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED DURING THE CONGRESS. THIS HAS HAPPENED DURING PREVIOUS CONGRESSES, AND WAS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR SENDING OPEN LETTERS TO THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN CP SECRETARIES GENEARA (MOSCOW 4969). THE CURRENT CONSENSUS AMONG THE SIGNATORIES TO THOSE LETTERS IS THAT THEY GENERATED SUFFICIENT PUBLICITY IN THE WEST SO THAT THE SIGNERS WILL PROBABLY NOT

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BE ARRESTED.

3.SOME "REFUSENIK" ACTIVISTS ARE PLANNING TO "MEET THE CONGRESS IN A SUITABLE MANNER" (DOSTOYNO VSTRETIT) BY STAGING A 24 HOUR HUNGER STRIKE ON FEBRUARY 24. SO FAR ABOUT 30 PEOPLE HAVE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE, BUT THE ORGANIZERS HOPE TO GET AS MANY AS 50. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED WHEHTER THE FASTS WILL BE INDIVIDUAL, AND TAKE PLACE IN THE RESIDENCES OF THE FASTERS, OR WHETHER THEY WILL BE HELD IN ONE PLACE IN ORDER TO ASSURE MAXIMUM PUBLICITY (BUT MAXIMUM POLICY ATTENTION, TOO). WHILE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE NOT RULED OUT, AS FAR AS WE KNOW THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OR OTHER PROTESTS BY MOSCOW'S JEWISH COMMUNITY DURING THE CONGRESS.
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